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TO CLARITY REFS AND PROVIDE INFORMATION WHICH AMBASSADOR BENNETT CAN DRAW UPON AT 13 JUNE PERMREPS LUNCH, REQUEST WASHINGTON VIEWS BY 12 JUNE ON FOLLOWING:

- A. EFFECT WHICH FRENCH REP'S (TINE) STATEMENT AT SUMMIT (REF A) WILL HAVE UPON TAD. OUR READING IS THAT TINE'S
STATEMENT ONCE AGAIN EMPHASIZED THAT TAD PROGRESS WILL BE
SLOW BECAUSE OF THE IEPG'S DIFFICULT TASK OF SPEAKING WITH
ONE VOICE, BUT, DUE TO LUNS' INTERVENTION, CONTINUING
EFFORTS TO BROADEN THE DIALOGUE ARE NOT FORECLOSED. NEVERTHELESS WE THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO LAY DOWN A MARKER
IN SUPPORT OF LUNS' INTERVENTION AT JUNE 13 PERMREPS LUNCH,
IN ORDER TO ENSURE FRENCH ARE NOT ABLE TO CLAIM WE GAVE
TACIT SUPPORT TO THEIR POSITION. ADDITIONALLY, WE WOULD
APPRECIATE WASHINGTON'S PROVIDING US WITH CLARIFICATION AND
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FURTHER DETAIL OF PROPOSAL FOR TAD GROUPS TWO AND THREE ON RATIONALIZATION AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION IN TIME FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE IEPG PANEL III (TAD GROUP) ON 15 JUNE, IN PREPARATION FOR TAD MEETING OF 28-29 JUNE.

- B. STATUS OF FAMILY OF WEAPONS AGREEMENT. SMALLER NATION PERMREPS MAY PICK UP ON REPORT IN REF C CONCERNING

FOUR-POWER AGREEMENT ON FAMILIES OF WEAPONS. IN THIS REGARD, WE SHARE FRENCH VIEW (PARA 7, REF B) THAT SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY FOUR POWERS IS LIKELY TO OFFEND OTHER ALLIES AND WEAKEN PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF IMPORTANT FAMILIES OF WEAPONS CONCEPT. WE VIEW THE FOUR-POWER FORUM AS A VALUABLE TOOL FOR WORKING OUT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS BEFORE INTRODUCING THEM THROUGH CNAD. HOWEVER, ALLIED SENSITIVITIES MUST BE CONSIDERED AND CARE TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT ACTION THROUGH NATO FORUM. BENNETT

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